

REMARKS

This communication is in regards to the Final Office Action of March 20, 2008.

In response to the claim rejections under 35 USC 102(e) over Eiref for claim 1 and its dependents, Applicant has made a clarifying amendment to claim 1 to emphasize that the first planar surface has only EPG information while the second planar surface has only PVR information. Eiref, in contrast has a display area 70 with thumbnails 110. A three-dimensional object (cube) pops up when one of the thumbnails is selected (column 8, lines 9-15). However, note that Eiref does not have EPG and PVR on separate surfaces.

In response to the 35 USC 103 claim rejections over Martino and Eiref of claim 38, Applicant has amended claim 38 to include a portion of the limitation of claim 39 along with additional clarifying language supported by paragraph [0051]. As amended, claim 38 specifies that the three dimensional image is a cylinder and that media thumbnails are arranged in a time sequence about the circumference of the cylinder. This is illustrated in Figure 14, which illustrates an embodiment in which each media thumbnail 1405 corresponds to an instant in time of a video file buffer. It is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not teach or suggest these limitations.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that no further impediments exist to the allowance of this application and, therefore, requests an indication of allowability. However, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any questions or comments arise.


The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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